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Federal Communications Commission
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In Re: FM Radio License Application
Location: Milford, Iowa; Frequency 102.1; Power 50,000 W.
Applicants: Kevin Galbraith, Leslie Kleven, Sharon Mayer

Dear Sirs:

Information has reached me via the MILFORD MAIL, the newspaper local to the application above, that the decision regarding the recipient of the license was imminent. Since my family has had most unsatisfactory business dealings with one of the applicants, I wanted to relay some information which may bear upon the Commission's decision.

In the fall of 1986, my recently widowed mother decided to retire and sold our family business, DeSpain Portrait Service (a successful firm in business for over forty years), to Sharon and Robert Mayer. To keep a long story short, from the day they signed the contract to the day they completed their default on the contract in the spring of 1988, the Mayers' conduct was characterized by incompetence, deception and less than ethical behavior. When the business was returned, the Mayers threatened to tie the proceedings up in bankruptcy (which would certainly have killed off the business) unless my mother would assume substantial costs stemming from their disastrous stewardship. Most of the employees had left and customer and supplier relations were a

of the business, they refused to pay one of their workers and had to be taken to court to collect the defaulted wages. I believe much of this is a matter of public record, or would be available from a credit bureau.

I do not know the other applicants, but I do feel that the past practices and record of Sharon and Robert Mayer would tend to disqualify them as competent custodians of the public trust. I have seen nothing to indicate that they have the temperament, skill or ethical fibre to successfully operate an entrepreneurial enterprise such as an FM radio station. I don't intend to make many specific allegations, but, if they are selected, I suggest that the FCC would wisely be very thorough in the procedures employed to determine their financial responsibility. I submit that one of the others, barring substantial information to the contrary, would be a wiser selection to receive this license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward De Spain", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward De Spain